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M/MED FOR DR. HAYNES

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1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF REF B. DOES THE STATE-
MENT IN PAR 2 ABOUT RESOLVING QUALMS OR FINDING ALTERNATIVES OBLIGE
A NEED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS IN PAR 1? IF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS
WERE FOUND, WE ASSUME THEY DIFFER FROM POINTS PROVIDED IN THE CON-
TRACT OFFER CONVEYED IN REF A, POINTS WHICH REFLECT BOARD OF SDC
DECISIONS. THUS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT IF ANY ALTERA-
TIVES HAVE BEEN ASSUMED.

2. IN THE EVENT THAT ANSWERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO QUESTIONS CON-
VEYED IN REF B, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE PASSED TO DR. JULIUS: (A) WE
ARE UNAWARE OF ANY COST OF LIVING OR DIFFERENTIAL OFFER MADE TO
YOU OR TO DR. RIGAMER. THE SDC BUDGET, AS MENTIONED IN PAR 1, REF
A, CONTAINED A COST OF LIVING FIGURE ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
MONETIZING A CONTRIBUTION BY THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY TO THE SDC
IT HAS NO OTHER
MEANING. (B) WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OFFER OF AN 18-MONTH
CONTRACT ALTHOUGH IT IS RECALLED THAT YOU MENTIONED THAT PERIOD
AS PERSONALLY DESIRABLE. OUR OFFER IS IN THIS REGARD CONSISTENT
WITH THAT MADE TO DR. RIGAMER. IF THE REQUEST FOR A ROUND-TRIP
TO THE US AFTER 18 MONTHS IS STILL ALIVE, THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO
CONSIDER IT AT ITS DECEMBER 15 MEETING. (C) CONCERNING MALPRACTICE
INSURANCE, THE POLICY WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE IN IRAN AS WELL AS THE
U.S. WE ARE STILL HOPEFUL WE WILL HEAR OF YOUR RESPONSE BEFORE
THE 15TH.

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